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Dear Assisted Living Community Directors,

As we move forward through this crisis, please know the Department for Aging and Independent Living is here to support you, your staff, and your residents. We are continuing to keep all lines of communication open to meet your needs. The Department has sent out previous guidance to assist your community through this pandemic. This guidance is essential to ensure the safety of **everyone** in your community. Specifically, the Department had sent out previous guidance on March 26, 2020 stating:

“All congregate activities shall stop effective immediately and transition to virtual settings as available”.

This guidance is based off of recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the Department for Public Health. ***There should not be any congregate activities of any type inside of an assisted living community, even with social distancing, all congregate activities shall stop immediately. This includes dining, leisure, and grooming.*** This is a decision that is being made to protect the health and safety of everyone in the community. Governor Beshear is the strongest advocate for individuals and families to be Healthy at Home and this includes our assisted living communities. The Department understands this requires a shift in service delivery and we are here to support you through this temporary transition. Strategies may include hosting virtual leisure activities, virtual book clubs, starting a pen pal letter exchange, and virtual dining with neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Buddy Hoskinson at 859-948-9516.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria L. Elridge".

Victoria L. Elridge
Commissioner